



ACCESS TO THE ONLINE DATABASE AND GIS COVERAGE OF KANSAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES

Using Transportation Enhancement funds provided through the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Kansas Historical Society sponsored the development of a GIS coverage that shows the location of over 14,000 recorded archeological sites in the state. The coverage is available to qualified individuals via the web and is hosted by DASC (the Data Access and Support Center, <http://www.kansasgis.org/>). Users can view archeological site and survey coverages overlaying USGS 1:24,000 topographic and aerial photograph coverages. They also can access specific site records and in some cases can download survey and excavation reports, which are added to the database as resources permit.

Cost

To offset maintenance costs, we are allowing qualified users to access the archeological coverage for a fee. Two levels of access are available:

- \$50 for 1 week
- \$600 annually

Payment to KSHS can be made by check, direct billing with a purchase order, or by charge to a VISA or MasterCard account. These fees may be waived at the discretion of the State Archeologist for government agencies, THPOs, or student researchers with the involvement of a faculty sponsor.

To apply for access, a form, available at the URL below, must be completed in its entirety

<http://www.kshs.org/resource/gisaccessapp.pdf>

Users must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archeology (36 CFR 61, Appendix A) or must show sufficient qualifications as a land or resource manager. The KSHS Archeology Office reserves the right to deny access to unqualified individuals, as access to archeological records is exempt under the Kansas Open Records Act [K.S.A. 45-215 through 45-223, see specifically KSA 45-22(a)(36)].

Walk-in site searches by qualified individuals still can be conducted at no charge

Access to the GIS archeological coverage and online archeological database

If you elect to use the online service, complete the application form and email a scanned copy to rhoard@kshs.org.

or

fax it to 785.272.8682, ATTN: Bob Hoard

Once the application is approved we will contact you.

In order to be able to access the GIS coverage and online database you will need to:

- Register (if you have not done so already) at <http://koufax.kgs.ku.edu/kshs/register.cfm>

When your application is accepted, we will set your access. Once we've done this:

- Go to: <http://koufax.kgs.ku.edu/kshs/login.cfm>. From this address you will access our database to enter site forms and to keep records of your recorded sites. **This also is the access portal to the GIS coverage.**
- Enter your email and password to enter the system.
- Selecting 'View map' for any site record will bring up the GIS coverage, showing the location of the site. Select or deselect layers on the right to make them visible or invisible. If you are having difficulty accessing the files, please contact me (rhoard@kshs.org).

Report a new site or revise an existing site form

You can enter a new site online.

- We encourage the use of UTM coordinates, but please also include section, township and range information
- Please include an image of a USGS 1:24,000 topographic map showing the site location
- When uploading documents (doc, pdf) and/or photographs (jpg) while entering a site form, please leave spaces and special characters out of the name of the file. Example:
AbbottSite2 rather than Abbott Site #2.
- If revising an existing site form, please select **Revise** under **Actions** in a site form record, do not create a new site form.

Survey and excavation reports online

We are making efforts to scan survey and excavation reports and attach these documents to the site and survey references so that they can be downloaded. If you need a survey report and cannot access it through the online resources, please contact rhoard@kshs.org. *If time and resources permit* we will scan it for you and send it via email.